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March Home/School Project

Dear Parents,

As part of the celebrations for World Book day 2017. We are participating in lots of exciting activities in school to foster and promote a love of reading amongst our pupils.

We are keen for our children to engage with their reading and improve their literacy skills.

We would love if you could help your child at home by writing a **book review** as part of our March Home/School project. A book review is your child's written critique of a book that they have read.

The book review challenge:

Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 2: This book review might simply be a drawing/photograph inspired by the book, perhaps with a sentence written underneath.

Primary 3 and Primary 4: Your child might write about the title, author and illustrator, and a couple of sentence starters such as: 'The main characters in this book are...' and 'I liked this book because...'

Primary 4 and Primary 5: In this book review your child might divide the book review up with subheadings such as plot, characters, setting, my opinion- what your child liked and didn't like about the book, whether they would recommend it, and to whom.

Primary 6 and Primary 7: In this book review your child might like to review books independently, using varied sentence structures and vocabulary – so, saying the book was 'exciting' or 'thrilling' rather than just 'good.' Remember to include what you liked and did not like about the book, whether you would recommend it, and to whom.

We would encourage all our parents to participate in this project and look forward to reading all the wonderful book reviews. We will be selecting some of the book reviews to send to the authors. Most will write back, and this could be the start of a fantastic collection of correspondence from authors for our school!

You and your child can be as creative as you like in the presentation of your book reviews. We will be displaying some of the book reviews in our library areas and on the school website.

Please return to the class teacher or Mrs Cribbin or email to stclaresabbey@gmail.com

Closing date for entries: **Wednesday 8th March 2017.**

We look forward to reading your reviews!

Kind Regards

Mrs Cribbin

